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SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please replace the allegedly objectionable paragraph on page ⁹~~24~~ including line 9 with the following:

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-- As should be further appreciated from viewing Figure 2, the polymer based blanket layer 14 includes a relatively high density outer skin section 26 and a relatively low-density inner section 28. The high density section 26 provides a tough outer "crust" which functions to protect the blanket layer 14 from damage both during installation on a vehicle as well as after it is in place. The low density inner section 28 provides enhanced insulative properties which better shield undesirable heat and noise from the operator/passenger compartment of the vehicle upon which the insulator 10 is installed. Of course, other high density section and low density section layered arrangements may be provided strictly depending upon what is most appropriate for a particular application (eg. a low density layer sandwiched between two high density layers). Multiple density layering of the blanket layer 14 is made possible using various forming and molding techniques including using cooperating platens or rolls at differing temperatures and/or layers of polymer materials having differing melting points. Exemplary forming and molding techniques of this type are described in detail in copending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/607,478 filed concurrently herewith, entitled Process For Forming A Multilayer, Multidensity Composite Insulator, and now U.S. Patent No. 6,572,723. The full disclosure of this document is incorporated herein by reference. --